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Dear Christos, Natalie and Brian,

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The Gowanus Canal Corridor has been nominated to the State and National Registers and had been deemed eligible for designation as an Historic District in 2004 when the United States Army Corp Of Engineers completed a survey of the Corridor.

The Gowanus Canal Corridor is roughly bounded by Baltic Street to the north; Bond, Hoyt, Court Streets, and the Canal to the west; Nevins Street, 3rd and 4th Avenues, Whitwell Place, and the Canal to the east; and Halleck and Percival Streets, and Gowanus Bay to the south.

A number of structures from the Army Corps Survey have been deemed as contributing structures of the Historic District. In addition, the Historic Resources Survey by Gregory Dietrich, a certified architectural historian for FROGG and submitted to the State Office Of Historic Preservation has further identified structures contributing to the Historic District. All of these structures are deemed eligible by the National Register as Historic Properties.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, requires Federal agencies to take into account all proposed actions on all eligible Historic Properties. In addition, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, of which Friends and Residents Of the Greater Gowanus (FROGG) is a member, has an opportunity to comment on these actions.

One such action being proposed by the City and the State is to invoke Eminent Domain, that could possibly jeopardize eligible Historic Properties in the Corridor, in order to place a retention tank for storm surge discharges into the Canal. It should be noted that various properties in the area being considered for Eminent Domain were determined by the Gregory Dietrich Survey to have potential for the recovery of *in situ* material remains. It should be further noted that in the event that human remains are discovered during construction process or archaeological investigations, The State Office Of Historic Preservation recommends Human Remains Discovery Protocol (August 2014).

If Eminent Domain is pursued, the Superfund cleanup will be delayed by Section 106 and reviews by the Advisory Council, concerning the possible demolition of eligible Historic Properties.

I would like to conclude with a quote from the Section 106 Regulations Summary:

"Public involvement is a key ingredient in successful Section 106 consultation and the views of the public should be solicited and considered throughout the process."

Sincerely,

Linda Mariano for Friends and Residents Of the Greater Gowanus